

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Madeleine AV Nguyen

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed on May 21, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-71.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Appeal Brief

1. Applicant's appeal brief filed on May 21, 2007, with respect to claims 1-71 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-71 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-71 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-71 are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of the said prior art which teaches:

a. A method for printing a document in a data communications system (Fig.4) using a Bluetooth protocol stack including a wireless printer protocol and a Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol (L2CAP) and a wireless printer protocol, the wireless printer protocol comprising a printer client capable of communicating with a printer server in a printer comprising the step of sending keep alive messages repeatedly from the printer client to the printer server and from the printer server to the printer client, wherein at least some of the keep alive messages are sent periodically after negotiation of the configuration parameters, wherein the connection between the printer client and the printer server is closed when at least one of the sending device fails to communication one or more of the keep alive messages to the printer

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client and the printer server fails to receive one or more keep alive messages from the printer client (claims 1-34).

b. An entity in a processing unit (Fig.5 or Fig.6) comprising a Bluetooth protocol stack including a wireless printer protocol and a Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol (L2CAP) and a wireless printer protocol, the wireless printer protocol comprising a printer client capable of communicating with a printer server in a printer comprising a sending device for sending keep alive messages repeatedly from the printer client to the printer server and from the printer server to the printer client, wherein at least some of the keep alive messages are sent periodically after negotiation of the configuration parameters, wherein the connection between the printer client and the printer server is closed when at least one of the sending device fails to communication one or more of the keep alive messages to the printer client and the printer server fails to receive one or more keep alive messages from the printer client (claims 35-69).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-7466. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anh W. Nguyen'.

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